

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested. Claims 15, 17, 19-22 and 25-27 are present in the application. Claims 15, 25 and 26 are amended herein.

Claims 15, 17, 19-22 and 25-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 15 is amended to remove the word 'or' from the phrase 'hydrophobic or polymer' which was inadvertently left in the claim after amendment in a prior office action.

Claims 25 and 26 are amended to remove reference to canceled claims 23 and 24.

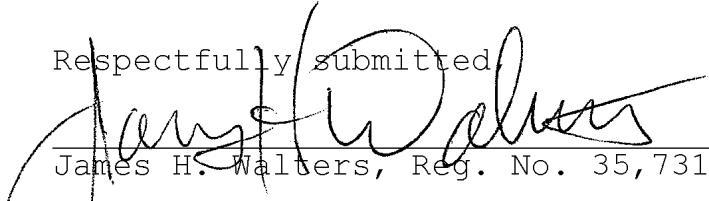
Applicant's representative thanks the Examiner for noting the claims remain allowable and the above amendments are believed to resolve the issues noted by the Examiner and accordingly, the application is now believed to be in allowable form.

The Examiner is asked to contact applicant's attorney at 503-224-0115 if there are any questions.

It is believed that the required fees are being submitted herewith. However, if additional fees are required to keep the application pending, please charge deposit account 503036. If fee refund is owed, please refund to deposit account 503036.

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